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RE: U.S. Steel Mining Company v. Wilson Downhole Services
Last and Best Offer

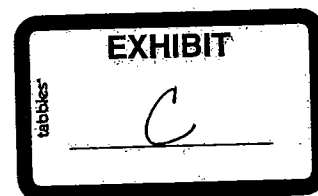
Dear Colleagues:

I must confess I waited out the week in hopes that I would get a message from you that you had settled the case, obviating the necessity for an award. I received no such message and accordingly have to select one of the two last and best offers provided to me.

It was not an easy task. I reviewed several times the submitted documents, my notes, and your written presentations, both the mediation statements and your statements in support of your offers.

I considered providing the reasons for my selection. Upon reflection I elected not to do so. Whatever my reasons, the party whose offer I declined to select would disagree and could advance a multitude of reasons why I was incorrect in my rationale, or had overlooked persuasive contrary facts, but, in any event, would not be persuaded by my stated reasons.

You both did a thorough and professional job. Had I been assigned the task to issue an award, as arbitrator after a full evidentiary hearing, I would have arrived at a lesser and different amount, but it would have approached the amount proposed by Wilson Downhole Services, Inc. Hence, after due deliberation I am compelled to select Wilson's best and final offer of \$294,333.52. I do not view it in my scope of responsibility to deal with Mr. Guerino's request to provide for post-judgment interest as part of my award. I am certain counsel will address this issue hereafter by agreement or in connection with a likely motion to confirm. Another mediator qua arbitrator may very well have selected the best and final offer of U.S. Steel Mining Company, LLC for the very reasons advanced by Mr. Zangrilli.



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I thoroughly enjoyed working with all four lawyers and sincerely hope our paths cross again. I was very appreciative and honored to have been selected by you to resolve the dispute.

Cordially,

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